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Amendments to the Specification

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Changes relative to the immediate prior version are shown using underlining to identify added material.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 (page 12, line 32 to page 13, line 13) with the following amended paragraph:

-- An embodiment of the automated bacteria measuring apparatus of the present invention is described below. In Fig. 1, an external view of an automated bacteria measuring apparatus 1 is indicated by the solid lines, and the internal structure is briefly indicated by the dashed lines. The foremost surface of the apparatus is provided with an output part (e.g., a liquid crystal touch panel 11 for inputting various types of settings and displaying measurement results), specimen cover 12, reagent cover 13, and start switch 14. When the specimen cover 12 is opened, a specimen may be set in the specimen holding unit provided within the apparatus. When the reagent cover 13 is opened, reagent may be set in the reagent holding unit provided within the apparatus. The specimen holding unit and the reagent holding unit are further described below. --

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 21 (lines 11-21) with the following amended paragraph:

-- The result of the determination by the determining unit 144 is combined with the scattergram created in S2 and the bacteria count calculated in S3 and output to the output part (e.g., liquid crystal touch panel 11) (S9). An example of the screen output to the liquid crystal touch panel 11 is shown in Fig. 10. The scattergram, bacteria determination result, and bacteria count are displayed. In the spaces indicating the determination result for the type of bacteria, a mark is displayed in the [Bacillus] category among the [Bacillus] and [Coccus] categories to indicate that the determination result is bacillus. --

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 25 and 26 (page 25, line 21 to page 26, line 6) with the following amended paragraph:

-- Screens corresponding to these determination results are output to the output part (e.g., liquid crystal touch panel 11) (S9). Furthermore, the scattergram created in S2, and the bacteria count calculated in S3 are combined and output to the liquid crystal touch panel 11. An example of the screen output on the liquid crystal touch panel 11 is shown in Fig. 19. The two-dimensional scattergram, bacteria typing determination result, and bacteria count are displayed. In the spaces indicating the determination result for the type of bacteria, a mark is displayed in the [Determination Difficult] category among the [Bacillus], [Coccus], and [Determination Difficult] categories to indicate that the bacteria typing determination result for this specimen is difficult. --